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Congressman Rodney Alexander 5th Congressional District of Louisiana

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ALEXANDER ANNOUNCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

CONGRESSMAN NAMED TO TWO KEY SUBCOMMITTEES

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced his two subcommittee assignments under the Appropriations Committee.

Alexander will continue to serve on the House Appropriations Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, which he was appointed to in the 109th Congress. Alexander will also serve on the Appropriations Financial Services Subcommittee.

"Retaining my position on the Agriculture Subcommittee was my top priority," Alexander said.

"As a member of this subcommittee, I can directly address the agricultural needs in the 5th District. I can also use this position as a means for supporting the Agriculture Committee as they draft the 2007 Farm Bill, which is of great importance to farmers in Louisiana."

Alexander said he is also pleased with his appointment to the Financial Services Subcommittee, which determines funding levels for several agencies including the Small Business Administration.

"Next to agriculture, small businesses are what drive the 5th District economy, and, through my position on the Financial Services Subcommittee, I can work to ensure Louisiana's small businesses have the resources they need to prosper."

Earlier this week, the House Appropriations Committee expanded its 10 subcommittees into 12.

Under the Agriculture Subcommittee are the following agencies: Department of Agriculture (except Forest Service); Farm Credit Administration; Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation and the Food and Drug Administration.

Under the Financial Services Subcommittee are the following agencies: Treasury Department, Executive Office of the President, Consumer Product Commission, Election Assistance Commission, FDIC, FEC, Federal Labor Relations Authority, GSA, Merit System Protection Board, Udall Foundation, National Archives, Office of Government Ethics, OPM, Office of Special Counsel, Selective Service, Postal Service, Tax Court, FCC, FTC, SEC, and SBA.

"There will be many challenges facing the 110th Congress, but I believe that these committee assignments will position me to represent the needs of the 5th District and Louisiana on Capitol Hill," Alexander added.

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